Alleged serving of human flesh in Kanpur hotels

777. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news paper reports to the effect that human flesh is being served in some hotels in Kanpur;

(b) whether investigation by the CBI has been initiated and whether a *prima-facie* case has been established into the incident; and

(c) whether child lifting gangs have been selling minor boys to hotel establishment in Kanpur, if so, whether the culprits have been apprehended and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government have seen the press report. A factual report has been called from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh who are primarily concerned. The question of CBI taking up investigation into this case would arise only after the factual report is available.

Rail disaster averted near Dappar railway station under Ambala Division

778. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a rail disaster was averted by a cowherd boy near Dappar railway station track under Ambala Division sometime in the last week of March, 1988 by pulling out a mine;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to give any national award to the boy for his bravery and presence of mind in averting a disaster; if so, whether any decision has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways have informed that on 1-4-1988, Shri Rajender, a cowherd boy of village Bher Majra, P.S. Lalru, removed two suspicious objects from the track at Km. 221|4-5 in Dappar-Ghagghar *block section (between Ambala and* Chandigarh) of Ambala Division at 7.50 hrs. He informed the Patrolman Shri Hari Prasad who, in turn, conveyed the information to S.M. Dappar. The objects were examined and found to be non-explosive.

(c) It is for the concerned State Government to make suitable recommendation for the grant of any award if they feel that the act is worthy of recognition.

Ban on communal parties

779. *DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:*
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban communal parties with a view to separating religion from politics; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) This aspect is under consideration in the context of separating religion from politics. It being a sensitive matter, the Government is considering this matter in depth from